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SUBJECT: NEW MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN

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- 1. FILALI IS INDEED SHY, UNCOMMUNICATIVE, ALTHOUGH HE HAS GOOD PRESENCE. HE IS, HOWEVER, INTELLIGENT, HARD-WORKING, AND PROBABLY EFFECTIVE. HIS WIFE IS FRIENDLY, QUITE OUT-GOING, AND ENTERTAINS WELL. THE FILALIS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ATTRACTING GREAT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF SPANISH LIFE TO THEIR RESIDENCE, AND FILALI HIMSELF HAS HAD AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF CONTACTS HERE. HE HAS ALSO SOUGHT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS SPANISH MATTERS WITH US REPRESENTATIVES.
- 2. FILALI DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PERSONALLY HANDLED THE MAJOR MOROCCAN ISSUES HERE, WHICH ARE USUALLY TREATED BY SPANIARDS GOING TO RABAT OR MOROCCANS COMING TO MADRID. HOWEVER, HE MUST HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF HASSAN, IN VIEW OF HIS ASSIGNMENT PATTERN. FILALI WAS PUBLICLY CRITICIZED CONFIDENTIAL

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BY OPPOSITION DEPUTIES IN MID-MARCH 1978 FOR CIRCULARIZING THE CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP JUST BEFORE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON THE SAHARA.

3. THE FILALIS HAVE TWO CHILDREN THAT WE KNOW OF, A SON WHO IS JUST FINISHING COLLEGE IN FRANCE AND WILL GO TO THE US FOR GRADUATE STUDIES, AND A DAUGHTER WHO IS INTER-

ESTED IN MOVIES.	FILALI SPEAKS	ENGLISH,	FRENCH AND
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